

## Frederick Andrews, 273, *Mermaid*

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Baptism	14 May 1826, Passenham, Northampton, England
Parents	Joseph Andrews and Elizabeth Rogers
Parent's marriage	29 December 1825, Passenham, Northampton
Siblings	Esther (1828-1830)
Wife	Phillis Church
Married	10 October 1847, Passenham, Northampton
Children	Elizabeth (1847) Thomas (1854) Ellen (~1856) Sarah (1860) William (1861) Eliza (~1863) George

When Frederick Andrews was born, the family lived at Deanshanger, Northampton, near Passenham. His father was a labourer. When Frederick was nearly three years old, at the Buckingham Assizes, on 7 March 1829:

John Norris and Joseph Andrews were charged with being armed in Whittlebury forest on 29 January 1829 with the aim of stealing game; with assaulting John Foddy and Edward Varney. Foddy, Varney and seven others were patrolling the forest when they heard gunshots. They concealed themselves, and a short time later, three men came past. Two had bludgeons and the third a gun. When they tried to apprehend the three men, there was a fight, and the two gamekeepers were struck. Joseph escaped through a hedge but was quickly caught. Norris and Andrews were sentenced to 14 years transportation.<sup>1</sup>

Joseph Andrews was sent to New South Wales, per *Sarah*, arriving on 6 December 1829. The Indent says he could plough, reap and milk, and was blind in his right eye. He received a Certificate of Freedom in 1843.

In 1841, living at Green, Passenham, Potterspury, Northamptonshire:

Elizabeth Anderson, 42 and her son Frederick Anderson, 15, lived with her mother, Ann Rogers, 62, and a relative, Susanna Folkes, 77.

Ann Rogers died in 1842 and Susanna Folkes in 1843, leaving Elizabeth and Frederick without their immediate family support.

On 10 October 1847, at Passendean Church, by Banns, the marriage took place between:

Frederick Andrews, 22, labourer of Passendean, son of Joseph Andrews, a labourer  
Phillis Church, 24, a lacemaker of Passendean, daughter of Thomas Church, a labourer  
Frederick signed the register, and pregnant Phillis made her mark.

Then, at the Northamptonshire Quarter Sessions on 4 April 1849:

Frederick Andrews and Robert Truss, convicted of stealing ewe sheep, the property of John Bird, were sentenced to 15 years transportation.<sup>2</sup>

Frederick Andrews, 22, married with one child, was convicted on 4 April 1849 of sheep-stealing at Northampton. He had a previous conviction for poaching, and this appears to be a summary conviction as it is not in the Criminal Register. Frederick was transferred to Millbank Prison on 28 October 1849, to Pentonville Prison on 22 December 1849, and finally to Portland Prison on 11 June 1850.<sup>3</sup> He boarded the *Mermaid* on 28 December 1850 for the voyage to Western Australia.

On arrival in Western Australia on 15 May 1851, his description was:

273. Frederick Andrews, 25, 5'7", dark hair, grey eyes, long face, sallow complexion, a farm labourer, married with one child.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bucks Gazette, 21 March 1829, p4

<sup>2</sup> Northampton Mercury, 7 April 1849, p2

<sup>3</sup> PCOM2/30' PCOM2/63, PCOM2/383, HO24/4

<sup>4</sup> SROWA Acc 128/40-43

Frederick received a Ticket of leave on 2 November 1852 and a Conditional Pardon on 5 December 1859. His wife Phillis Andrews, 28, and daughter Elizabeth, 4, left Plymouth on 30 November 1852 per *Palestine*, and arrived on 28 April 1853. The ship experienced a stormy passage, put in at the Cape, where she remained three days, taking in a supply of water, and arrived here on the 28th instant.<sup>5</sup>

Frederick and Phillis set about making a life in Western Australia for their growing family.

Notice. Any stock found trespassing on my lands after the 1 January 1874, will be impounded. Also, any person or persons found hunting for stock on my lands without my permission will be prosecuted according to law. Fred. Andrews, Balcatah Lake, 30 December 1873. <sup>6</sup>

Notice to Trespassers. Having leased for a term of five years, from 1 February 1875, that block of Land known a Swan Location, 780 acres, belonging to Mr Jesse Chevril, notice is hereby given that all stock found trespassing thereon will be dealt with as the law provides. And all persons are cautioned against hunting or removing stock on the above land, or on any other lands belonging to me, without my permission, otherwise they will be prosecuted. Frederick Andrews, Balcatah Lake, near North Beach, 10 March 1875.<sup>7</sup>

A WOLF ABROAD! I have been pestered with a WOLF the last 3 or 4 years, more especially during the last twelve months. The brute tried to bite me in my own doorway, but I hooted him and he drew away. I was not so well prepared to tackle him then at I am at present, and if ever he comes again I will give him a warm reception. F. ANDREWS. Little Balcatah, 29 June, 1880.<sup>8</sup>

Notice. *To whom it might concern.* I, Frederick Andrews, father-in-law to the late James Haskell (deceased), intend claiming all property belonging to him, for the benefit of his children, who are my grandchildren. Perth 20 June 1882.<sup>9</sup>

Haskell married Elizabeth Andrews in 1863. John (James) Haskell, convict 1407, was a widower who arrived on the *William Jardine* in 1852.

1894. One of the oldest residents at Wanneroo – Mr Fred Andrews – died yesterday. The funeral took place this afternoon at the Perth Cemetery.<sup>10</sup>

East Perth Cemetery Database:

ANDREWS, Frederick, died 26 June 1894, buried 27 June 1894, aged 70.

Arrival date 07/05/1851 per Mermaid

Spouse Phillis Church; arrived 28/04/1853 per *Palestine*

Children Elizabeth 1848; Thomas 1854; Ellen 1856; Eliza 1863; Sarah Jane 1860; William 1861

Residence late of Wanneroo

Biography/history Convict No 273; Farm labourer; convicted Northampton 1849 sheep stealing 15 years; Ticket of Leave 02/11/1852

Death Certificate: ANDREW 1894/563

Phillis Andrews was buried at the East Perth Cemetery on 12 May 1895, aged 70.

In the Supreme Court, Western Australia. Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

In the matter of the estate of Frederick Andrews late of Wanneroo Farmer deceased intestate.

I Thomas Andrews of Wanneroo in the Colony of Western Australia Farmer make oath and say

1. That Frederick Andrews late of Wanneroo Farmer deceased died intestate leaving Philis Church Andrews his lawful widow and relict and Ellen Kidd the wife of John Kidd of Rottnest Warder, Sarah Wright the wife of William Wright of Red gum Plains, Eliza Stone the wife of George Stone of Smiths Lake near Perth, William Andrews of Moore River Farmer and George Andrews and myself his deponent his natural and lawful children him surviving.

2. That I am one of the lawful and natural children and next of kin of the said deceased.

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<sup>5</sup> Inquirer (Perth, WA : 1840 - 1855), 4 May 1853, p2

<sup>6</sup> The Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA : 1855 - 1901), 14 January 1874, p3

<sup>7</sup> The Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA : 1855 - 1901), 17 March 1875, p4

<sup>8</sup> The Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA : 1855 - 1901), 30 June 1880, p3

<sup>9</sup> The Inquirer and Commercial News (Perth, WA : 1855 - 1901), 5 July 1882, p2

<sup>10</sup> The Daily News (Perth, WA : 1882 - 1950), 27 June 1894, p2; The West Australian (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954), 27 June 1894, p4

3. That the widow of the said deceased the said Philis Church Andrews is now dead.
4. That the said deceased died on 24th day of June 1894.
5. That the whole of the real and personal estate of the said deceased amounts in value to the sum of £200 and no more to the best of my knowledge information and belief.
6. That if I obtain administration of the estate of the said deceased, I will faithfully administer the estate of the said deceased by paying his just debts and distributing the residue of his estate according to law and will exhibit or cause to be exhibited a true and perfect inventory of the said estate and render a just and true account thereof whenever required by law so to do.

Sworn at Perth in the Colony of Western Australia this Twenty-Second day of November 1897, before me  
Walter J Bird, A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Western Australia for taking affidavits.

Thomas Andrews, his mark